



Accelerated Reader Program offered at Elba Elementary School

At Elba Elementary School Accelerated Reader 25 Point Club members receive a no homework pass and the privilege of having their pictures in the *Elba Clipper*.

At the end of the six weeks, Accelerated Reader 50 Point Club members celebrate with an ice cream sundae party off campus. The fourth set of 50 Point Club members celebrated together with Mr. Mickey McCollough, assistant principal, serving ice cream sundaes at the picnic tables across from the superintendent's office.

The 75 Point Club members for the fourth six weeks earned lunch with Mrs. Joy Killingsworth, principal, at Pizza Hut.

Mr. Charles Pearce, superintendent of Elba City Schools, treated the 100 Point Club members with lunch at Pizza Hut. The members chose Pizza Hut as the place they wanted to have their meal.

The 150 Point Club members earned the privilege of being an aide for a half day. These students chose to work in the library with the Book Fair.

Mrs. Joanie Doggett and Mrs. Elizabeth McCallum, both in the library aide, have been the keys to the great success of the Accelerated Reader Program at Elba Elementary School. They have administered the computer tests and kept records of all students.

STAR Events is an acronym for points awarded by judges.

Students take Action for Recognition. These are the highest awards given to students who are members of the Accelerated Reader Program.

Silver medals were awarded to students competing from Coffee Chapel, Zion Chapel High School; Crystal Burrows, Job Inter-

go, Calif.; and New Brockton High School.

A gold medal and first place was awarded to Justin Hughes of New Story, and Ashley Laney, Illustrat-

ing a Story, Zion Chapel High School.

Justin will compete on

the national level in July in San Die-

go, Calif.; Tenisha Tidwell, Job Inter-

go, Calif.

Mrs. Sasser's 5th grade 4-H Club meets

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ing will be held Jan. 10, beginning at
1:00 p.m.

Whitney Liprot and Betsy Ad-
kinson led in singing "America" and
"Do Your Ears Hang Low?"

Jonah McWaters read January's
devotional; Jeremy Eddins, vice-
president, led in the Pledge of Alleg-
iance; and Wesley Grimes and Ash-
ley Smith called roll and read min-
utes of the last meeting.

There was old business.

New business included the fol-
lowing: Anna Miller was first-place
winner in the woodworking contest,
with Whitney Liprot placing sec-
ond.

Ashley Smith and Anna Miller re-
ceived certificates for participating in
the Christmas ornament activity.

Jeremy Eddins, vice-president, in-
troduced the program for the meet-
ing which was about 4-H record

books.

Mr. Tabb gave helpful hints on
how to put records books together.

President Wesley Grimes ad-
ditioned the meeting until the next
month.

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With Ferrin Cox

Blasting the education system is almost as much fun and done about as universally as blasting the IRS. However, there appears to be little we can do about the Internal Revenue Service, but there are ways of improving the school systems as we perceive them. Sunday's Parade magazine carried a two page article on the subject. The writer is Vartan Gregorian, president of Brown University and soon to be head of the Carnegie Corporation. He lists ten "suggestions for everyone who is concerned about how well our children are learning." We feel strongly about America's children and the future of society, the human race, etc. Therefore, we are listing Dr. Gregorian's ten points here in hopes it will help our educators get the attention held, and participation society they need to accomplish these lofty goals. The suggestions in bold type are the items in the brackets () are ours or condensed from the two page article.

1. Visit your schools (and that doesn't mean once a year).
2. Involve the grandparents (especially important in cases of single parents).
3. Make the public school a magnet for the community (that means hold social and community functions in school buildings.) Our area schools have done this for generations.
4. Volunteer to help in your school. (This means parents doing anything necessary to free teachers to be teachers).
5. Read to your (young) children (Dr. Gregorian says nothing is more important than this and we agree!) We have seen first hand the difference between children who had parent reading to them and those children who didn't get that benefit.
6. Give every school child a library card. (this means the public library and we can boost of a good selection of books available here).
7. Organize and attend shows that the children put on. (this may mean giving up a golf game or some favorite TV show, but it is worth it).
8. Recognize that too much television has a terrible effect. (This one is probably going to be hard to enforce, but it can be done ... we suggest going back to #5).
9. Let our children go. (Schools should take children of expeditions, and not just to a museum or zoo. They will benefit greatly from a day at the bank, hospital or factory).
10. Restore the arts as a major element in education. (This will strain budgets as the cost of art, music and dance are added to the ball team expense, but they teach creativity AND HOW TO THINK! Business and industry are crying for more of this trait).

In closing we ask you consider the above suggestions before you (we) voice any further criticism of the public schools, or more particularly the product they are turning out.

If you want more or have input into this matter, you can write:

"Education Reform,"
Annenberg Institute for School Reform,
Brown University, Box 1985,
Providence, RI 02912

MAKING OURSELVES CLEAER

On the front page of last week's edition of The Elba Clipper, in the article concerning the conviction of a former Elba attorney, the writer IS NOT Roger D. Wise of Route 3, Box 37, Elba, AL. Also the Dennis Weeks IS NOT Dennis L. Weeks of Route 4 Box 480, Elba, AL.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

MARCH 17 THRU MARCH 23, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 17, 1997, investigated the following incidents: two attempted suicides, three thefts of property, two dog bites, one rape, three trespasses, one criminal mischief, one trespass, one criminal restraint, and one dog at-large complaint.

Arrests were as follows: two for harassment, one for harassing communication, one for VPL, and one for criminal trespass.

Violent citations issued were as follows: four for speeding and three for DUI.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, MARCH 17 - River stage - 6.34 feet (6:00 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to grass fire on Co. Rd. 342 (2:43 p.m.); Routine accident run to Morrow Village (1:13 p.m.); Disturbance (possible fight) in Morrow Village (9:18 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MARCH 18 - Rescue run to a residence on N. Charlton Ave. (1:53 a.m.); River stage - 6.27 feet (6:00 a.m.); Alarm at The Big Little Store West (8:39 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Smith Ave. (10:07 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Harper St. (11:11 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Smith Ave. (6:45 p.m.); Wreck reported on Plant Ave. (6:49 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Payne St. (10:20 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 - Alarm at Car Quest (3:20 a.m.); River stage - 6.24 feet (6:35 a.m.); Alarm at The Jewel Box (8:02 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Smith Ave. (8:33 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87N (10:19 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 206 (1:29 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence of Farris St. (2:07 p.m.); Disturbance (possible fight) at Elba Villas (3:25 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MARCH 20 - River stage - 6.24 feet (6:35 a.m.); Alarm at The Peoples Bank (10:57 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Williams St. (3:21 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MARCH 21 - Alarm at The Jewel Box (1:06 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Forest Lake Drive (5:33 a.m.); River stage - 6.37 feet (6:17 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Nel Grantham Dr. (5:58 p.m.); Prowler reported on Martin

Streets (3:21 p.m.).

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

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Covington Electric Cooperative to hold annual meeting

Luther King Dr. (7:09 p.m.); Fight reported in Kennedy Estates (8:39 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (8:46 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (11:13 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 - River stage - 6.42 feet (6:00 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Smith Ave. (10:54 a.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital (11:00 a.m.); Fireman run to the corner of Plant and Davis streets (8:31 p.m.); Wreck reported on Hickman Ave. (9:44 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 - River stage - 6.58 feet (6:00 a.m.); Alarm at Kleinen's (9:46 p.m.); Routine accident run to Morrow Village (1:13 p.m.); Disturbance (possible fight) in Morrow Village (9:18 p.m.).

GUEST EDITORIAL

Tort reform bills passed by State House

by Sen. Dwight Adams

As the legislative session began last month, it appeared that we might have a good chance to pass meaningful tort reform legislation that would bring Alabama into line with our neighboring states concerning large punitive damages and frivolous lawsuits.

Unfortunately, the Senate and the House of Representatives have been unable to pass tort reform legislation because the leadership in the past to allow important bills, such as tort reform, to be considered by the full Senate.

Even though enough bills have been introduced in the Senate and the House of Representatives to allow important bills, such as tort reform, to be considered by the full Senate.

That is unfortunate because it is in the best interest of all Alabamians to resolve this problem once and for all. No business person should work hard in operating an honest business, yet worry each day about the fear of being hit with a frivolous lawsuit.

Alabama should not lose new jobs and economic growth because companies do not want to do business in our state because of our lawsuit problems. Of equal importance, no Alabama consumer should be injured and then have to defend when a guilty party is not punished.

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For further information contact Marie Faulk, 334/335-6470 for more information.



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Crystal Leigh Cooper

**Crystal Leigh Cooper
celebrates ninth birthday**

Emily Catherine Fuller, daughter of Perry and Suzanne Fuller of Starkville, Miss., celebrated her third birthday on March 8.

Emily's festive occasion was made extra-special with a "Barbie" birthday party at her and Ruby's house in Elba.

She received many lovely gifts from the family and friends who attended.

Emily is the granddaughter of Harvel and Betty Fuller of Elba; Catherine and Jim Jones of Ronnie Davis, Elba and the granddaughter of Clara Bradley of Opp.

Entry forms may be picked up at New Brockton Elementary High School.

Divisions of entry will be Miss New Brockton, ages 17-21; Teen Miss - Grades 9-11; Jr. Miss - Grades 6-8; Young Miss - Grades 2-5; Little Miss - 1st Grade Only.

The Miss and Little Miss Divisions are preliminary for the National Pageant Festival presented.

The pageant is open to all girls either attending a New Brockton school or living at a New Brockton address.

For more information contact Amanda Thrasher - Home - 894-5434 or Office - 894-2350.



Michael Farris

**Farris receives
scholarship to UWA**

Michael Farris, a senior at Kinston High School has been chosen to receive a Travel Award from the University of West Alabama, according to a recent announcement by the scholarship committee.

The Trustee's Award, part of the scholarship program at the University of West Alabama, was awarded to Michael for his outstanding academic performance in high school and above average college entrance examination grades.

Michael is the son of Mike Farris and Linda Hudson of Enterprise.

**HOLLI CHARLESTON
NAPPER**

McKenzie Napper announces the arrival of her new sister, Hollie Charleston, on Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at Flowers Hospital. The new arrival weighed 6 lbs. 3 ozs.

Proud parents are Freddie and Jane Napper of Jack.

Grandparents are Donald and Mary Davis of the Victoria Community, Vernon and Mary Alice Napper of the Wilkinton Community.

Ruby Johnson of Jack is the proud great-grandmother.



Senior Citizens of
Cordelia St. meet

The Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street met March 20 at the HRDC building on Factory St.

Many of the members were busy with yard work and flowers on the beautiful Spring day.

Some members played dominoes, others walked to the stores downtown and some just visited.

A delicious lunch was served to the following:

Mary Sutley, Bonnie Wesley, Zadie Boyer, Frank and Lemmie McCollough, Ailene English, Iris McDowell, Marvin Matthews, Frances Shaboo, Marion Brunson, Mary Harris, Mary Phillips, Merle Boling, and Wanda Sasser.

TIQUINA HINES

Tiquina Hines was born and reared in Opp, Ala. She is the daughter of Elvira Hines Shakespeare and James Brundidge, and step-daughter of Gary Shakespeare. She is dependable, respectable and a beautiful African-American young lady.

She is a graduate of Opp High School and recently received a degree in Real Estate Management from a correspondence school. She hopes to work an internship and later get her state license as an appraiser.

At the present time, Tiquina is a 19-year-old student at MacArthur Technical College in Opp, where she is working a degree in Drafting. Her instructors are Mr. Charles Coon and Mr. Phillip Scarborough.

She resides in Opp with her grandmother, Mrs. Lepold Brundidge, and attends St. Stephen Methodist Church. With the help of the Lord, she is working to begin working in her career field, and later plans to move further north.

Her other grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Giles Hines of Opp.

Tiquina says, "Of course there are some folks who do not seem to be able to cooperate. Their love is either destructive or not constructive, critical at that. To those I quote the words of Edmund Burke, 'Applaud us when we fall, cheer us when we recover, but for God's sake, let us pass on.'

**Elba Christian Service will be held at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Elba, March 26 - 28, at 7 o'clock nightly. Rev. J.R. Parks is pastor.

There will be "Hear ye children the instruction of a father and attend to understanding" (Proverbs 4:1).

Laura Graham

**Laura Graham to
compete in State
Spelling Bee**

Laura Graham will represent Coffee County and Zion Chapel School in the 1997 State Spelling Bee this Saturday, March 29.

She is in the seventh grade.

Laura also represented Zion Chapel and Coffee County in the 1995 State Spelling Bee.

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**Burch-Whittington wedding held
December 14th**

Kathy Leigh Whittington and Jason Lee Burch exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 14, 1996, at the Little Mountain Wedding Chapel in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Billie T. Brooks of Montgomery; Mr. James K. Whittington of Georgiana, and Lee Melton and Mavis Burch of Elba.

Immediately following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held in a private dining room of a local restaurant.

Wedding guests in addition to parents of the couple were: Lawrence and Robbie Chappell of Panama City Beach, Fla.; Lavon and Kendall Chappell, Donald and Cleve Ammons, Elba; James and Shirley Burch, Robert and Pamela Myers of Atlanta, Ga.; Gary and Josh Burch of Birmingham, and Gina Hunt of Montgomery.

Following the wedding, a reception was held in a private dining room of a local restaurant.

Crystal Leigh Cooper celebrated her ninth birthday with a party at her home on March 15.

Her birthday was March 17.

Helping her celebrate were her family and friends.

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Mr. & Mrs. Jason Lee Burch

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**Elba United Methodist plans
Good Friday services**

The Elba United Methodist Church will have "Come and Go" Communion from 6 - 8 a.m. Friday, March 28, at the First United Methodist Church, Elba. All are welcome to come and have prayer with all who attend.

All denominations are welcome to attend and participate.

On Friday night there will be a Lenten service at 7 o'clock.

The Lenten service is one of Light and Darkness - the darkness representing that which occurred when Jesus died, and also the efforts of the power of darkness to extinguish the Light of Christ.

In the return of the Light to the sanctuary it is made clear that the power of darkness did not succeed.

All persons are invited and welcome to attend these special services.

Community Easter Sunrise Service to be held at Westside Baptist Church

Westside Baptist Men will host the annual Community Easter Sunrise Service on March 30, 1997 at 5:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 6:30 a.m. with the service starting at 7 a.m.

The public is invited.

The service will be held at the First United Methodist Church, Elba.

The message at the 6 p.m. service will be "Jesus is Risen".

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy these Easter services.

It is requested that those attending bring canned goods for the church's outreach ministry.

Mr. Curt Chavers from Titus, Ala., will be preaching at the 11 a.m. Easter service Sunday, March 30, at True Gospel Chapel, 836 Troy Highway, Elba.

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Letters to Editors Winners

Seventh grade literature classes were required to write "letters to the editors" to Carla Gray and Chastity Williams, editors of "Tiger Tales" in The Elba Clipper.

Mrs. Calhoun used local, state, and national examples to explain the use and importance of news-papers.

Students in Mrs. Amison's and Mrs. Wise's classes used a vocabulary list and newspapers to find datelines, bylines and other news-paper terms.

A panel read and evaluated both classes' letters to the editor. The letters were well written and made specific points to explain the writer's School Uniforms, School Pride, or School Discipline.

The winners were: Mrs. Amison's third block: 1st - Sara Purvis; 2nd - La'Shon Robinson; 3rd - Olivia Perkins; Mrs. Wise's fourth block: 1st - Evan Maddox; 2nd - Casey Skinner; 3rd - LaTasha Crawford; 4th - Stephanie Sasser.

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It's Another Morning

by Mandy Taylor

No, it can not be. It is another morning and you have to get up, get dressed and get ready for another day. How do you get ready for another day? What is your very first thing you do each morning? We do not want to get too personal with ourselves.

Some of us, the optimists, challenged, ready to go. Some, like me, are more laid back. Shower, teeth, hair, robe, shoes, or some other article of clothing. Some reach for nothing, but head straight for the bathroom where more choices await us. Some make our way to the kitchen and once again, more choices await us. Time to make a choice to consider the choices we must make. Should we shower, brush our teeth or get dressed? What will we wear? Do we want cold cereal, pop tarts or just juice? Only five minutes have passed and we

have already made ten decisions. This is too much and we feel overwhelmed.

Some of us begin to consider the possibility of returning to bed, but no way! There is too much to be done today: the test, the ball game, the shopping spree and maybe someone will have a special occasion. Then we have been warned to be absent or tardy one more time. This thinking is wasting our time and we are headed for TARDY.

We can deal with morning. We have time to do a final art. We get up as soon as the alarm goes off and we have time to rise and shine. We go through the personal hygiene routine, followed by a nourishing breakfast eaten at a leisurely pace. We select a clean and neatly pressed outfit to wear and realizing that we are ahead of schedule we sit and watch the morning news.

Remembering we are going for honesty, high school, we do have a routine to help handle morning. It is the most hectic routine known to man.

We follow it each morning for five days a week and thirty six weeks a year. If we are lucky our routine gets us to school on time and we are unlucky, our routine fails and we deal with morning heads to do that dreaded place known as ISS!

It's A Fun Thing

by Mandy Taylor

I caught it yesterday. When did you realize you had it? How does it affect you? Do you itch, have hunger attacks, need more sleep or day dream constantly? I have all of the above symptoms. This hits me every

year about this time and the only cure I know of is SPRING BREAK!

Can you imagine anyone who has never had this ailment? It is possible that it does not affect you until you turn five and begin your formal ed-

ucation (school). Have you noticed that it gets worse as you get older?

Man, I wonder how our teachers can stand it. They must really get a bad case for them to be old and have been in school all their lives.

Parents act like they do not have it. They keep saying things like: be still, be quiet, stop asking for money, you know you are going there, no you can't miss school today, no, no, no. These words can't even words can cure what we have. Sure.

Maybe that is the cure! Maybe you outgrow it. On second thought, I think my dad has it and he is old. Heard him talking about missing work to go fishing. My mom says she has it. She says she likes to take a trip to the lake and eat in the sun.

This is depressing. I must be right about this. SPRING BREAK is the only cure for SPRING FEVER. That means we have to suffer another week with this ailment.

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Co-Op Spotlight



ERIC SHADDIX

by Tiffany Lewis

Ms. Gwen Elizabeth Dye, a student at Troy State University, is interning at Zion Chapel High School. Her supervising teacher is Mrs. Sonja K. Shaw, instructor of senior high English.

Eric Shaddix is employed at Cauley's Store at Danley's Crossroads. His duties include farming, feeding cows, and working around the store.

He plans to travel in order to find a teaching job. Ms. Dye is from Troy, Alabama and is the oldest of two children. She has a brother who is 19 years old. When asked about how she feels about working at Zion Chapel High, she said that it is a very nice school.

Betas Attend Convention

by Heather Vaughan

Competing in academic competitions, general sessions, and meeting new people were some activities of the Z.C. Betas while attending the annual Beta State Convention.

Twenty-four Miss Spring Break pageants just around the corner. It is open to a select few contestants. The senior boys are given the opportunity to strut their stuff. There are usually twelve to twenty contestants and they give the students body and soul to show off their talents.

The admission is one of the highlights of the day, \$10.00. The fringe benefits include getting out of class plus fun, fun and more fun.

Make your plans to attend the seventh Miss Spring Break pageant. You will be sure to take home a crown, make-up and wigs made in people. Who will the next lucky "lady" to win the coveted title? Be there and see for yourself and have fun, fun and more fun!

At the convention, the Zion Chapel Betas competed in the academic and talent categories. Angie Laney competed in science, Wynell Rugg competed in Spanish, Heather Vaughan competed in mathematics, Amber Shiver competed in creative writing, and Leah Lowen competed in English. Chris Archie entered a model globe theater in the arts and crafts competition, and Morgan Dodge sang "Pledge Allegiance to the Flag" and Wynell Rugg sang "The Star-Spangled Banner".

After arriving at the Sheraton Hotel, the members and their sponsor, Mrs. Sonja K. Shaw, went to the civic center where the awards and contests were being held. There, Morgan represented Zion Chapel in the talent competition.

Later that evening, the Betas attended the first general session where speeches were given by the state officers and the state office.

Following the general session there was campaigning and a mixer where Betas from all over the state had a chance to meet and get to know each other.

After the general session, the Betas attended the third general session where the new state officers were installed. Also, awards were presented to the winners of the academic and talent competitions. An annual dance, to which all Betas attended, was held after the general session.

The next morning the Betas and Mrs. Shaw ate a big breakfast at Cracker Barrel in Birmingham as an end to their trip. They took a bus to the airport and one Beta said, "I speak for all the Z.C. Betas when I say that we all had a great next year."

Upon arriving at the Farm Center all the calves were weighed and checked for health by the Alabama Extension Service and The Alabama Vocational Department.

The show, which is a two-day event, is divided into two different contests: showmanship and individual calves by weight classes.

The calves were divided into four classes: Class 1 (9-11 year olds), Class 2 (12-13 year olds), Class 3 (14-15 year olds), and Class 4 (16 years old or older). Each contestant had to show their own steer. The steers had to be washed, shod, and get a tag in their ear.

The steers were shown in a total of 16 weight classes, based on the entry weight. Each group of light-weight, medium-weight, light-heavy-weight, and heavy-weight was divided into four equal classes.

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Views from

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The start of the high school softball season was nothing but fun for Melanie as she got the chance to roam around various ballparks and play with other youngsters that had also been dragged to the parks. The fun ended on Friday when Dad made the trip; however, Saturday brought with it hours of fun and sun as our eight-year-old enjoyed non-stop action on the playground. Hey, if she has to go to the games she might as well have some fun.

ELBA TIGERS SEE RECORD DROP TO 3-4 IN BASEBALL

The Elba Tigers found out that their early-season success on the diamond meant little to their opponents last week as the Tigers dropped three straight games to see their record drop to 3-4. The Tigers didn't even show up early in the 3-12 disaster against Opp, but outplayed Andalusia in what went down in the books as a 1-0 loss, and then played well against 2A team G.W. Long. The losses hurt both the Tigers' pride and their record; however, it wasn't hard to figure out what happened, and if they can work on correcting the problems, more wins will certainly come as the season rolls along.

The loss to Opp was simply a disaster from start to finish as the Bobcats took advantage of shaky pitching to take an early 1-0 lead and then ran away with the game and the shell-shocked Tigers. The loss was really unexpected, but the loss of confidence in the future. The Elba players seemed to hang it up early on was indeed something that was a shock to everyone that has ever been around Elba Tiger athletes. Elba bounces back and held well enough to win against Andalusia, but it's not nice to fool Mother Nature, and she took her revenge out on the Tigers as heavy rains washed out a Tiger rally and sent Elba packing with a 1-0 loss. Elba trailed 1-0 after four innings and a long rain delay, but staged a rally in the bottom of the fifth to tie the game at 1-1. The rain stopped just in time, but when the rains returned, it would have been nice to get in the entire fifth inning and see if Andalusia could have rallied; however, the game went down as a loss the 1-0 score after four complete innings was put in the books. The Tigers' bats fell silent against G.W. Long, and despite holding Rebels to no earned runs, the Tigers once again came out on the short end of the scoreboard. It's time to regroup and to determine in attendance that it could cost them any focus on its schedule, but costly errors can bow them down for the second time in the week.

Three losses in a week certainly do little for one's confidence; however, the Tigers played well against both Andalusia and G.W. Long, and should realize that if they can pick things up just a little more both offense and defense that they can win against anyone on their schedule. Wins aren't supposed to come easy, and it will be interesting to see if the Tigers can bow their necks and do what it takes to win some games this week.

LADY TIGERS STUMBLE AND FALL IN TOURNAMENT

The Elba Lady Tigers softball team opened their season last week with two big wins over Highland Home and Kinston, but traveled down to Samson to open their tournament and dropped to 3-4. The Lady Tigers continued soft hitting with excellent defense in the opening wins and had high hopes going into Samson, but found a different way to lose in all four games, and placed fifth in their five-team bracket. It never helps anyone to lose in any area of competition; however, the losses in Samson should certainly serve as a wake-up call for this young group of ladies. The Lady Tigers now know that they must play their best for seven complete innings to win, no matter who they are playing, and know just where they need to work the most. If they are going to lose, better early in the season so there is time for improvement.

NOTES IN CLOSING...

***The Elba Tigers will host the Enterprise Wildcats Saturday in a double-header, beginning at 11:00 AM at Legion Field. Elba has played Enterprise for years, but this will be the Wildcats' first trip to Elba in many, many years. Baseball fans should find their lawn chairs and come on out Saturday to watch what should be some exciting high school baseball action.

***The player draft for the various leagues in the Elba Parks and Recreation program were set for this week, and it looks like another big summer ahead for both players and their parents. Early registration figures show that approximately 40-50 teams will compete in the various youth leagues in baseball and softball, which could very well be a new record. Get ready, the ball season is near.

Record slips to 3-4

Tigers take it on the chin

The Elba Tigers hit the field three times last week and came up empty-handed all three times up to their record for the season dipped to 3-4.

"Our hitting was terrible in all three losses," said Coach David Lowery. "And we certainly didn't help ourselves in the field. Our pitchers didn't allow an earned run in the losses to Andalusia and G.W. Long, but the fielding was terrible, and we had to hang it up early on was indeed something that was a shock to everyone that has ever been around Elba Tiger athletes."

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The Elba Lady Tigers softball team opened their season last week with two big wins over Highland Home and Kinston, but traveled down to Samson to open their tournament and dropped to 3-4. The Lady Tigers continued soft hitting with excellent defense in the opening wins and had high hopes going into Samson, but found a different way to lose in all four games, and placed fifth in their five-team bracket. It never helps anyone to lose in any area of competition; however, the losses in Samson should certainly serve as a wake-up call for this young group of ladies. The Lady Tigers now know that they must play their best for seven complete innings to win, no matter who they are playing, and know just where they need to work the most. If they are going to lose, better early in the season so there is time for improvement.

NOTES IN CLOSING...

***The Elba Tigers will host the Enterprise Wildcats Saturday in a double-header, beginning at 11:00 AM at Legion Field. Elba has played Enterprise for years, but this will be the Wildcats' first trip to Elba in many, many years. Baseball fans should find their lawn chairs and come on out Saturday to watch what should be some exciting high school baseball action.

***The player draft for the various leagues in the Elba Parks and Recreation program were set for this week, and it looks like another big summer ahead for both players and their parents. Early registration figures show that approximately 40-50 teams will compete in the various youth leagues in baseball and softball, which could very well be a new record. Get ready, the ball season is near.

DuBose hole-in-one sparks Elba Tiger golfers to early wins

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Shonto was the Atlanta Braves player that was shot and killed on March 24, 1995, as he was walking back to the Braves hotel during spring training. Shonto was not covered by Major

League insurance at the time of his death, but left a widow and young wife, and numerous expenses.

The fund-raising effort is the brainchild of Dallen Meckley, host of SportsBeat, a local call-in sports show, and the son of the late Shonto.

"I got to know Felicia and Alex Shonto because of the loss of a husband and dad," said Meckley. "We have a lot in common because of grief. I lost my mother through tragic circumstances."

The idea of the fund-raising effort came when Meckley was vis-

iting the Braves' spring training camp in February. He was watching the news coverage of the trial of the man accused of the shooting death of Shonto, and during the news, the daughter of the slain player stated, "That's the man that hurt my daddy."

"Her statement really got me," said Meckley.

The fund-raiser was set for April 7 due to the fact that it will be an off date for the Braves, allowing more to attend the event.

"Some might question why we are holding a fund-raiser for someone that lives in Chicago," stated Meckley. "The reason is simple, there is a need. I can't change the judicial system, but I can raise money and it's time for us to reach out and help someone."

The fund-raiser will begin at 5:00 PM with an autograph party with Denny Neagle, with a \$20 donation set for an autograph, with all proceeds going to the Shonto family.

The auction will begin at 7:30, with the "Coach and the Meek" introducing the items to be auctioned.

Items will include autographed bats donated by Marquis Grissom, Javier Lopez, Chipper Jones, Ryan Klesko, Mike Morlock, Eric Young, Mo Lemke and Gary Carter;

Braves jerseys signed by Mike

Mordecai, Denny Neagle, Javier Lopez, Bobby Cox, Chipper Jones, Tom Glavine, Fred McGriff and John Smoltz; a World Series baseball signed by the 1995 Braves and autographed by various Braves players.

One item of particular interest,

and value, will be a "Cy Young"

baseball with the autographs of Tom Glavine, Greg Maddux and John Smoltz.

Donations will include a Den-

ny Neagle autographed jersey, as

well as autographed bats and balls.

General admission for the event is \$5, which will allow admission to the autograph party and auction.

Female cheerleaders will perform two cheers, one to be performed

Sports

Record slips to 3-4

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Federal Land Bank to return capital to stockholders

Some 1700 members-stockholders of Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA) of South Alabama will receive checks averaging \$1,150 as a part of the association's distribution of approximately \$1,950,000 in capital to stockholders this month.

The distribution is a result of the board of director's decision to lower stock requirements from 4 to 3 percent of the original loan balance, effective March 1.

"The association has experienced good financial performance over the

last couple of years, and we are pleased to be able to pass that success down to stockholders," said association CEO, Spencer Swan.

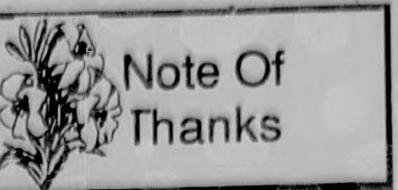
The FLBA of South Alabama is a member-owned lending cooperative which provides long-term financing for agricultural real estate, rural residential, and small business loans. Offices are located in Montgomery, Enterprise, Dothan, Demopolis, Gulf Coast, Monroeville, Opelika and Selma.

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MRS. FARMER'S CLASS, at Elba Elementary School, participated in the Special Olympic Track and Field Meet, held March 7 at Enterprise State Junior College. Students participating were: Diane Ardridge, Jessica Sconyers, Jessie Thibault, Jennifer Kawn, Jennifer Nicky Flanagan, Jessie Bird, Jessie placed first in their divisions in the softball throw, and Nicky placed fourth. Diane placed fourth in the 50-meter dash; Jessica placed second; Jessie, Jennifer and Kawanja placed third in the 100-meter dash. Nicky placed first in the 50-meter walk.

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SKINNER GROUP, INC., et al.

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER FIXING DEADLINE
FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM AGAINST SKINNER
DEBTORS, THIS IS A BAR NOTICE. THE CLAIM BAR DATE
IS **BARRED** AS OF **MARCH 19, 1997**.

TAKE NOTICE that by court order, the Court has established May 16, 1997, as the bar date for filing proofs of claim in these Chapter 11 cases against SKINNER CORPORATION, SKINNER GROUP, INC., or any of their respective subsidiaries (collectively the "Debtors"). The Debtors are identified at the end of this Notice. Any creditor of a Debtor who wishes to assert a claim against such Debtor but whose claim is not listed on the Debtors' Schedules of Liabilities, or whose claim is listed thereon as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, must file a proof of claim by the close of business on **May 16, 1997**, or the claim will be forever barred. EACH CREDITOR IS PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A CLAIM IS LISTED ON THE SCHEDULES AND HOW THE CLAIM IS TREATED FOR PURPOSES OF PRIORITY FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING THE PERIOD OF THE CHAPTER 11 CASE. You may file your proof of claim at the Clerk's office at the address set forth on the Notice lists below. You are responsible for the cost of your claim for any costs for which you have already filed a proper proof of claim in this case.

Proof of claim form must conform substantially to Official Bankruptcy Form 10. You can obtain a form by mailing a written request to Skinner's counsel: Kilpatrick Stockton LLP, 1100 Peachtree Street, Suite 2800, Atlanta, GA 30309, Attention: Mark Pye. No telephone calls please. You should make any requests for proof of claim forms far enough in advance of the deadline to allow you to file the form in a timely manner.

TAKE NOTICE that you must file proofs of claim with the Bankruptcy Court either by: (1) mailing the proof of claim form to the Clerk of the Court, United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Georgia, Newman Division, 19 Greenville Street, P.O. Box 2300, Atlanta, GA 30363, so that the form is received before the close of business on **MAY 16, 1997**, or (2) handing the proof of claim form to the Clerk at the above address so that the form is received before the close of business on **MAY 16, 1997**.

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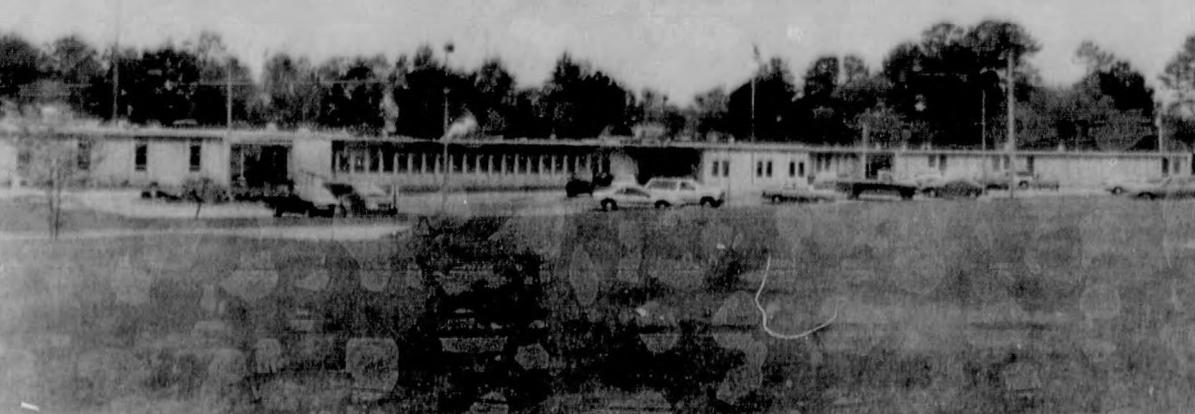
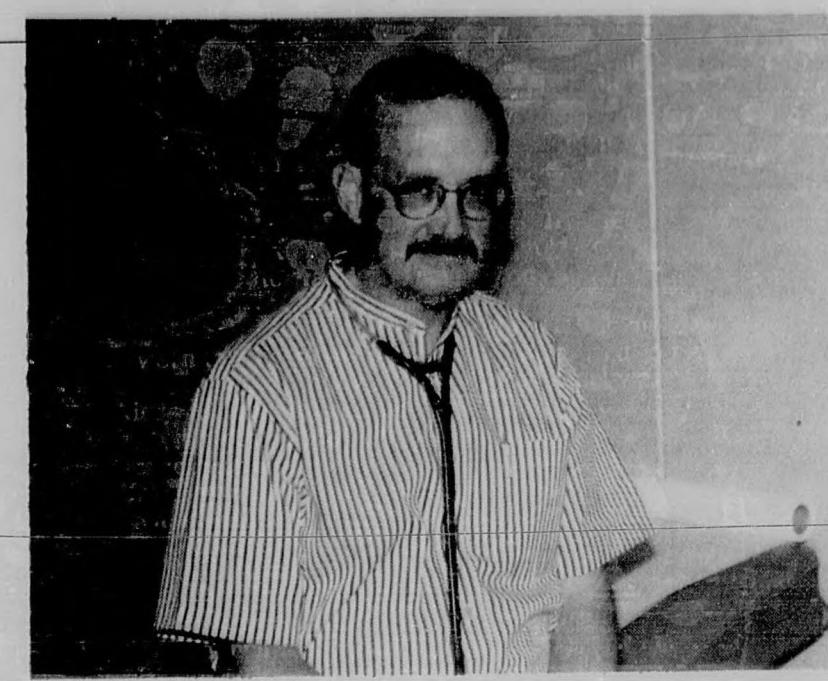
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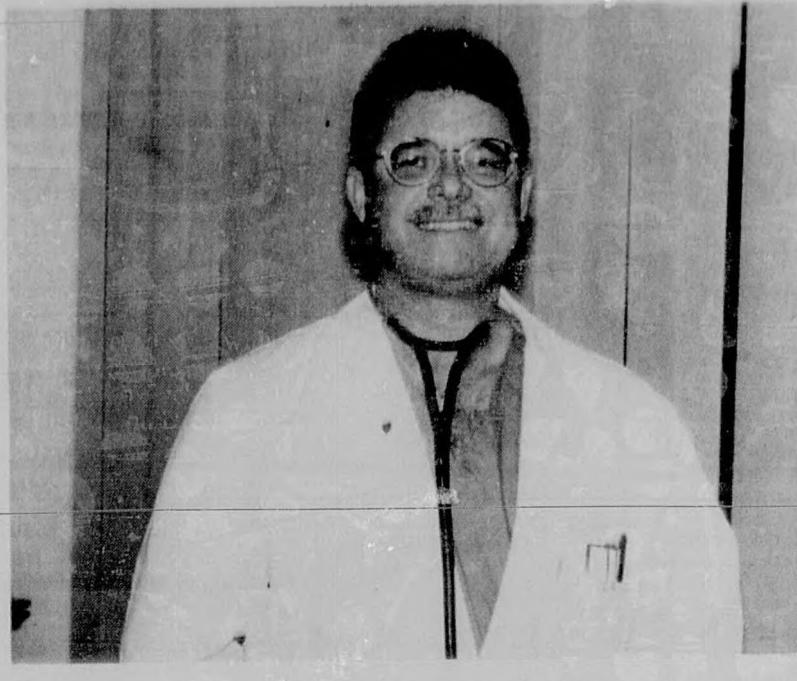
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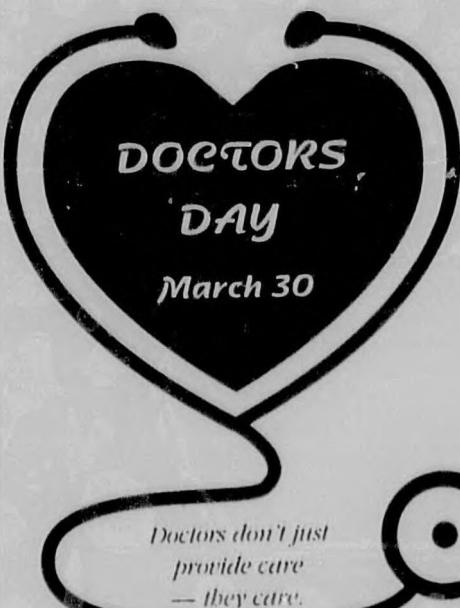
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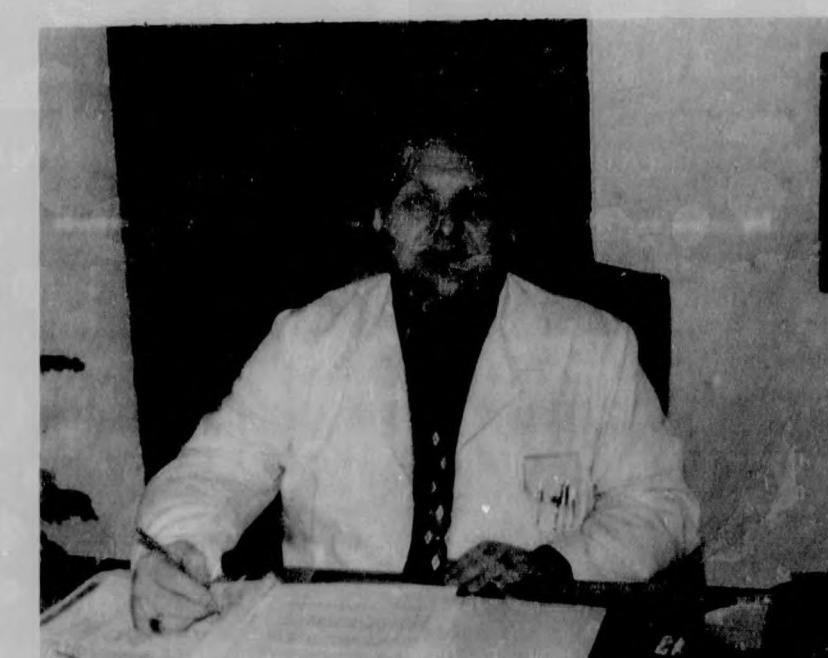
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worth noted that in the proposed grant was funds for a new vehicle, not to exceed \$25,000.

The Elba Police Department would get 13% of any confiscated funds from the task force.

With the help of Coffee County Emergency Medical Services, addressed the council with an outline of the firm's plans for emergency medical transfers from the local hospital etc. He noted the firm wasn't competing with the rescue squad, but would assist them if asked.

He said the firm has an agreement with Elba General Hospital to do all the local transfers to other hospitals. Jordan said the firm would be offering 24 hour paramedic service, with a 60 second response time during the day and three minutes response at night. The firm is located next to Hardee's, in the building with Liberty National Insurance.

The city council approved a contract for \$111,467.25 to Floyd Construction Co., of Troy, for the construction of the school access road from Taylor Mill Road. At the recommendation of Mayor Grimes, the council accepted the contract with

all three alternates, including turn board lanes on Taylor Mill Road. The petitioners were concerned noted the safety of Elba citizens that the additional traffic on the made this option a necessity.

Council member Ronnie Ham-

mond reported complaints from

homeowners on "old Highway 84"

about low water pressure. Grimes

said that was a utility board problem,

and he would see if they got the

household connections.

Jim Hamilton addressed the city

council with a petition signed by

many of the residents on Cedar Lane Drive. They were protesting the installation of additional mobile homes on a new street off Cedar Lane.

Mayor Grimes explained that the property was zoned R-4 and trailer was the only condition that they wanted it changed, they would have to approach the Planning and Zoning

again.

Council member Harold Bann-

ing asked if the matter of the 4½-day

work week, which was turned down

two weeks ago, could be discussed

again.

Council member John W. Sharp-

ing made a comment for the depart-

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to work out the situation. His motion died for lack of a second.

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